



City of San Diego
CARL DEMAIO
CITY COUNCILMEMBER –DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 11, 2011
TO: Honorable Members of the City Council
FROM: Councilmember Carl DeMaio
RE: Opposition to "Cat Tax"

At this morning's meeting of the Audit Committee, the City Auditor's office presented a Performance Audit of the Animal Services Agreement between the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego (Item 4).

While the audit included numerous good recommendations and was forwarded to Council, the audit included a "Cat Tax," with a recommendation to require San Diegans to register cats, at a cost of roughly \$25 per cat.

This recommendation was opposed by me, as well as the Audit Committee chair, Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer, and the Mayor's office representative present at the Audit Committee.

Given the immediate and strong opposition to this proposal, I urge my colleagues on the City Council to oppose this aspect of the Animal Services Agreement Performance Audit when it comes before Council.